

CITY COMMITTEE CALLED TO MEET

AS STORM GROWS

to Pledge Stronger Than
Ever Throughout City.

VOTERS TO APPEAL TO COURTS THIS MORNING

Affidavits Will Show That
Prominent Citizens Will Refuse
to Vote in the Primary

Chairman Doherty is-
sues Call for Spe-
cial Session.

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Political Meetings For This Week

Conference of Mayor McCarthy's friends and supporters at Murphy's Annex at 8 o'clock to-night.

Called meeting of City Democratic Committee at Murphy's at 8 o'clock to-night to consider primary pledge.

Meeting of German-American Alliance at St. Mary's Hall, Marshall Street, near Third, at 8 o'clock to-morrow night, when majority candidates will speak.

Public meeting at Academy of Music at 8 P. M. Thursday, at which Mayor McCarthy will make address.

Regular meeting of City Demo-

Jefferson Ward rally at Corcoran Hall Friday night, when councilman and mayoralty candidates will speak.

Marshall Ward rally at Nelsen's Hall (Fulton) Friday night, for candidates for Board and Council only.

Clay Ward rally at Monroe Hall Saturday night, when mayoralty candidates will have final joint debate.

primary is denied to them because of the double pledge required by the City Committee, application will be made to Judge Ingram, of the Law and Equity Court, at 11 o'clock to-day for a writ of mandamus and an injunction restraining the committee from carrying out its program. Edgar H. Ferguson, candidate for the Commis-

It was expected that the suits would be instituted yesterday, but Messrs. W. L. Royall, Nelson & Nelson and James H. Drake, Jr., who drew the papers, were delayed somewhat in the preparation of the case.

The storm of indignation which was aroused by the action of Chairman Doherty's committee, and which swept the entire city, brought forth the announcement in the afternoon that there would be at 8 o'clock to-night a meeting of some sort. The effort was made to reach the desired result, by leaving the people free to vote in the primary without regard to the presidential election in November.

No formal call was issued for a mass meeting of citizens, but it was said that notice would be given this morning of a gathering which would probably be held at 7 P. M. Without attempting to intimidate a committee

Chairman Doherty said last night that at the committee meeting that evening every opportunity will be given to citizens who wish to speak.

against the new rule. He issued a call on the strength of a letter from Councilman Hunsdon Cary. Although he would not be quoted as to what might be done, Mr. Doherty said that the pledge was not an innovation, the same plan having been adopted in a former campaign. He contended, however, that it would require a unanimous vote to reconsider. One member of the committee expressed the opinion that it would be unwise to create too much feeling; that a mass meeting

might do more harm than good, inasmuch as the committee would probably reverse itself in view of the general opposition from the public.

Mayor McCarthy Resents It.

Declaring that he was prepared to vote the Democratic ticket "for the

balance of his life," Mayor McCarth issued a signed statement during the forenoon, in which he held that he did not believe the City Democratic Committee had any legal, moral or political right to bind any man who went into the primary further than the June election. The Mayor said:

"So far as I am personally concerned I am willing to pledge myself for the balance of my life to vote the Democratic ticket, city, State and national.

"However, I do not believe that the Democratic Committee has any legal moral or political right to bind a man who votes in a primary any further than that he will vote for the candidate nominated in that primary; nor do I believe that it is just or reasonable to combine on one ticket in a primary the candidates for municipal offices."

Because of the difference in the proceedings, two complaints will be filed in court. One will be a writ of mandamus, which makes the broad charge

that the demands of the City Commis-
- sion are unreasonable. The mandamus
- bill brought by Mr. Ferguson was
- printed in full in The Times-Dispatch
- this morning. In the injunction
- another member of City Council will hold
- that the committee has violated a con-
- tract, the pledge having been require-